

House Resolution 882

By: Representative Drenner of the 86th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Michael C. Mullins for his outstanding military service; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, growing up in West Virginia, Michael C. Mullins visited almost every state
3 park with his family, and, from the deep love and respect for the natural beauty of his home
4 state and this great nation that was cultivated on these vacations, he developed a sincere and
5 unselfish desire to serve his country; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1980, when, in his senior year at Stonewall Jackson High School, he was
7 offered a partial scholarship to attend Tulane University to study chemical engineering, he
8 chose instead to enlist in the United States Marine Corps; and

9 WHEREAS, as a Marine, his job was to repair electronic systems on helicopters, and being
10 deployed overseas, he had the rewarding opportunity to travel and see a large part of the
11 European, African, and Middle Eastern countries that border the Mediterranean and Indian
12 Ocean; and

13 WHEREAS, as a peacekeeper in Beirut, Lebanon, during the barracks bombing of 1983, he
14 rose to the rank of Sergeant during these four years of service, and, in the summer of 1984,
15 returned home to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology at West Virginia University yet still
16 served in the West Virginia Army National Guard while completing his college education;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, after trying his hand as a business management consultant, he realized that he
19 missed the camaraderie and the extraordinary sense of pride that he had found in his military
20 career and enlisted in the United States Army in 1989; and

21 WHEREAS, beginning with his assignment to Panama on the heels of "Operation Just
22 Cause," his Army career took him throughout Central and South America and to Fort Detrick

1 in Frederick, Maryland, where his skill and dedication were recognized by his selection to
2 work with the Secret Service; and

3 WHEREAS, during his time with the Secret Service, he provided protective communication
4 services to multiple national and foreign dignitaries, including running protective
5 communications for the 50th anniversary of the United Nations and Pope John Paul's visit
6 to America, before requesting reassignment to a regular Army unit in Germany where he led
7 the only all military Technical Control Facility in Europe; and

8 WHEREAS, after that tour of duty, he was assigned to the Defense Information Systems
9 Agency in Florida where he was responsible for all secure communications for the entire
10 U.S. Southern Command Theater of operations, and, in February, 2004, he accepted his final
11 assignment as Director of Operations for the Southern Theater Network Operations Security
12 Center, a position from which he will retire on July 1, 2005; and

13 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the appreciation of a grateful state and
14 nation be expressed to Mr. Michael C. Mullins on this momentous and memorable occasion.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body join in commending the patriotism and service of Michael C.
17 Mullins and extend to him their sincere best wishes on the occasion of his retirement from
18 the United States Armed Services.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Michael C. Mullins.